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## CROQUETERS ON THE CRISIS

One evening not long since, the Uti-  
ca Croquet Club—composed entirely of  
young ladies—held its second meeting  
for the season of 1881. Two new mem-  
bers were admitted, and proposals for  
membership were made. The Com-  
mittee on Resolutions made their ex-  
pected report. The resolutions were  
written on scented paper and penned  
with violet ink. After the business of  
the evening had been finished, the  
young lady sitting on the ottoman sud-  
denly exclaimed:

"Oh, my! Girls, did you hear about  
Conkling?"

"No. What is it?" said the four  
young misses on the settee in one  
breath.

"Why, he's resigned!"  
"Resigned to what? Has he been  
dangerously sick?" said the Secretary.

"No, no. Can't you understand? He  
has given up his Senatorship."

"Goodness gracious! Ain't that too  
bad?"

"How much did he get for it?"  
queried the girl with the album in her  
lap.

"Why, you silly thing; you ought to  
read the newspapers. Senator Conk-  
ling got dissatisfied with something in  
Washington and resigned his office in-  
to the hands of Gov. Cornell. There  
was a misunderstanding between him  
and the President about some man  
named Rob—Robert—Robert—Let me  
see. Robinson—No, that ain't it. Oh,  
yes—Robertson. Dear suz! They say  
the whole country is in a crisis."

"I read all about that," said the Pres-  
ident of the club knowingly. "Senator  
Conkling and this Robertson had some  
kind of a fuss—while they were trying  
a lawsuit. Come to think, Mr. Conk-  
ling wanted to give him some instruc-  
tions and Robertson wouldn't have it.  
Then the President appointed Robert-  
son to collect money in some ward in  
New York City—"

"That wasn't it," interrupted the first  
speaker. "The President told Mr. Rob-  
ertson to stand at some lock—a dead-  
lock they call it—and see that the  
canal captains paid their tolls. The  
man who was put out of a job by Mr.  
Robertson getting the situation used  
to go to school with Mr. Conkling."

"What I want to know," said a young  
lady, "is how could the President order  
these men around so? Didn't I read in  
a paper the other day that Mr. Conk-  
ling was the boss?"

"My sakes! that's funny," ejaculated  
the Secretary; "I heard my brother say  
it was a man named Blaine, who came  
here from Canada, and wanted to run  
the whole country, who caused the dis-  
turbance. The President made this  
Blaine a present of a cabinet organ,  
and then he never stopped begging  
until he had got a whole set of furni-  
ture, too. That made the other men  
who didn't get anything jealous."

"What were those guns firing for to-  
day?" asked the girls on the settee.

"You see, the Senate helped Robert-  
son to get this job," answered the first  
speaker, "and the Half Breeds were so  
glad they borrowed some cannons."

"Who are the Half Breeds' Indians?"

"I am not sure, but I don't think  
they are. They must have come here  
when the canal opened."

"Girls," exclaimed the President of  
the meeting, "do you know I think that  
firing was a real battle? I read in the  
paper last week about the 'War on the  
President.' Isn't it awful?"

"And I saw 'How the bomb struck!'  
"Oh, those horrid Half Breeds!" ejac-  
ulated five voices at once.

"Yes," continued the President, "and  
I believe they are going to be com-  
manded by that Gen. Mahone, who  
came to Washington with a red shirt  
on and tried to scare everybody."

"I'm going home," faintly said the  
Secretary.

"Let us all go," said the girls on the  
settee.

"Oh, I hope we won't meet any Half  
Breeds."

**SAN FRANCISCO ASSESSMENT.**—There  
are 35,000 personal property owners  
and tax payers in the city of San Fran-  
cisco this year, the aggregate of whose  
assessments is considerably less than the  
same for last year. Our reason for this  
year's decrease is owing to the fact that  
stocks in corporations and money de-  
posited by individuals in savings banks  
are not assessable under the existing  
revenue law. This amounted to about  
\$15,000,000. The steamers of the Pacific  
Mail Steamship Company and Panama  
R R Co are, by decision of the courts of  
New York, assessed in New York City.  
These amount to between two and three  
millions of dollars. The vessels of the  
Puget Sound Commercial Co and others  
are assessable in Washington Territory.

The personal toll for last year was  
\$88,521,818; this year it is \$55,738,328,  
showing a decline of \$32,789,490. The  
Assessor states that the roll does not  
contain an item which will be contest-  
ed, and he believes the taxes will all  
be paid before delinquency. In the  
large, arbitrary assessments of the past  
years, the tax on many millions of dol-  
lars of assessments were contested and  
is still unpaid.

Amos Stark, who settled in Kliekikat  
county in 1859, started the town of Col-  
umbus in 1860. For a long time the  
town was only a set of woodyard for  
the supply of steamboats, Umatilla and  
Wallula. In 1862 John Golden and  
partner had a contract to deliver there  
2000 cords of wood at \$10 a cord. A  
six yoke team of oxen would haul from  
5 to 8 cords, and sometimes as much  
as 100 cords were placed on the bank  
in a single day. Two steamboats were  
built there in 1862, and a schooner.  
In 1863 the town boasted nine families  
and a store kept by A G Davis. He  
sold out to a Dutchman, who kept  
whisky, which was poured out by or-  
der of Father Wilbur. For almost  
ten years the place stagnated, and if  
anything went backward. It is now  
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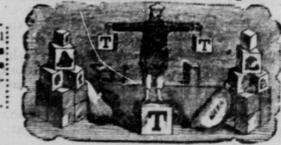


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